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TO: SUD TREATMENT PROVIDERS

FROM: BUSINESS PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES

SUBJECT: INTRAVENOUS DRUG USER (IVDU) INTIAL AUTHORIZATIONS

You talked; we listened. As a result of your feedback regarding the authorization process for IVDU clients, we are changing the current assessment only authorization process.

Effective immediately, we will begin authorizing assessment and treatment services for clients that meet the IVDU priority population screening requirements. You will now receive initial assessment and treatment authorizations for a time span up to 60 days.

You are still required to conduct the GAIN I within 14 days of receiving the authorization and submit the GRRS to BPA for review immediately following the assessment. Because these clients fall under the Federal Block Grant requirements this is especially important.

As part of our GRRS review, the treatment authorizations will be terminated for clients who do not meet IVDU requirements. If a client is not found eligible for services when the GRRS is reviewed, BPA will call the provider and client to inform them that they do not qualify for treatment funding. You are required to submit a Client Services Discharge in these cases.

Please discharge any clients who are not confirmed as IV drug users during the GAIN I Assessment.

If you have questions regarding the authorizations you receive, please call the Client Service Center at (208) 947-4393 or (800) 922-3406.

You may also contact your BPA Regional Field staff:

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Thank you for communicating your concerns and allowing us the opportunity to evaluate and improve this process.

BPA Operations Team